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### **WIFA Chairman Steve Owens Announces Randolph Park Wastewater Treatment Loan**

PHOENIX (June 18, 2003) Chairman Steve Owens announced today the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona (WIFA) Board of Directors has approved a \$9 million loan to Pima County to reconstruct the Randolph Park reclamation facility.

The project will reduce the amount of wastewater treated at the Roger Road Wastewater Treatment Facility by 3.0 MGD, or 10%, to postpone expansion of that facility for several years.

More importantly, the infrastructure improvements will reduce Tucson's reliance on groundwater supplies by replacing 3.0 MGD of potable water usage with high quality reclaimed water from the Randolph Park reclamation facility for irrigation at the Randolph Park Golf Course.

The loan is the sixth low interest loan from WIFA to support Pima County wastewater construction improvements. Since 1996 WIFA has loaned \$88,995,146 to Pima County.

"Since 1996 WIFA has saved Pima County rate payers approximately \$18.3 million compared to typical market rates." Said Owens, who is also Director of the Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality. "These savings directly benefit families and businesses throughout Pima County."

### **Background**

WIFA is an independent state agency that administers the Clean Water Revolving Fund (CWRF) for wastewater and water reclamation construction projects. It also administers the Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWRF) for drinking water construction projects.

Both funds get their money from federal and state sources. Interest rates are typically below market rates.

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